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Remarks/Arguments

On page 2 of the Action, applicant was urged to submit any relevant documents that could be considered relevant to the claimed invention.

In reply thereto, applicant supplements a copy of the prior art JP 07-243564 disclosed in the specification, page 4.

The abstract of the disclosure was objected to because the numerals should be in parentheses.

In reply thereto, applicant has amended the informality and respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection. Also, applicant has amended the disclosure to remove legal phraseology such as "said".

Claims 1-7 were objected to because of the informalities.

In reply thereto, applicant has amended the claims to correct the informalities and thanks the examiner for helpful suggestions.

On page 3 of the Action, claims 3-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

In reply thereto, applicant has amended the claims and the specification accordingly so as to meet the requirements under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph and respectfully requests that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

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On page 4 of the Action, claims 3-7 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

In reply thereto, applicant has amended the claims as set forth above and believes that the claims are now in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-2 were objected to but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to overcome the above noted informalities.

As set forth above, applicant has amended the claims to overcome the above noted informalities and believes that claims 1-2 are now in condition for allowance.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon does not appear to be any more pertinent with respect to the amended claims.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that this application be reconsidered, claims 1-7 allowed, and the case passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,
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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Y. Takeuchi', written in dark ink.

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